Ringling Bros.' Great Shows TO-MORROW, MONDAY, MAY 20.

At-W. Washington-St. Show Grounds. Afternoon at 2, Night at 8

QUESTIONS:

1. If the Ringling Bros. Show is insignificant and not the World's Greatest, why are you ask by another concern not to patronize it? 2. If Ringling Bros.' Show is not a Great Show, would you not know enough to stay away unless some rival Show told you so?

3. Which weighs the most, their frantic appeals to "wait," or the following direct comparisons, made by the great dailies of Chicago and St. Louis between Ringling Bros.' World's Greatest Shows and all others that have been exhibited in those cities:

DAILY TRIBUNE, April 12-"The most satisfactory and complete ever seen in Chicago."

DAILY TIMES-HERALD, April 21-"It is the Best Circus ever seen in Chicago."

EVENING JOURNAL, April 25-"A Circus up to date. The Best ever in Chicago."

EVENING MAIL, April 27-"The Best Circus in the Country."

DAILY INTER OCEAN, April 23-"The Best Circus ever seen in Chicago."

EVENING POST, April 28—"Above the level of other Circus Entertainments."

DAILY DISPATCH, April 10-"In all respects the Finest Circus ever seen in Chicago." DAILY GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, May 7-"No such realization of the evolution of the Circus has ever

DAILY ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC, May 9—"Ringling Bros.' Circus performance is easily the Best ever seen in St. Louis."

before visited St. Louis."

DAILY POST-DISPATCH, May 7-"The Greatest and Best that has ever exhibited in St. Louis." EVENING CHRONICLE, May 10-"Ringling's Circus has emphatically stamped itself as the

Best ever seen in St. Louis." EVENING STAR-SAYINGS, May 11-"The (Ringling Bros.') Show is acknowledged to be the Best. Liberati Band

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Route of Paracle—Leave Show Grounds on Washington street, Washington to New Jersey, to Ohio, to Pennsylvania, to Market, to Capitol avenue, returning to Show Grounds on Washington street.

Numbered Reserved Seats and Admission Tickets will be on sale Monday morning at the BIG FOUR TICKET OFFICE, No. 1 East Washington street. No advance in prices. No speculators. Prices always the same. ADMISSION TO ALL THE COMBINED SHOWS, 50c; CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE, 25c.

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## THE ACRES OF EXHIBITIONAL WEALTH!

## CREAM OF THE GOSSIP

WHAT BRITAIN AND THE CONTINENT TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK.

Cold Weather-Wales at Lady Brook's -The "American Duchess"-Kiel's Celebration-Theatrical News.

(Copyright, 1895, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, May 18.-There was a sudden change in the weather on Thursday which reminded one strongly of the rapid jumping upward and tumbling downward of the thermometer which New Yorkers so frequently complain of in their city. The mercury here which had been making people feel happy and contented while registering seventy degree, a pleasant state of affairs prevailing for weeks past, suddenly dropped and within a few hours had reached forty, making everybody hunt for castoff winter garments. This sudden drop in the temperature was followed by furious gales which have been raging along the coast, while hail and snow in many places have greatly damaged the fruit buds. Great Britain, however, is not alone in this remarkably sudden change from balmy spring to shivering winter weather. Advices from various parts of the continent show that a similar state of things prevails. Switzerland, for instance, the Jura district is blocked with snow and on the mountain roads near Davos, stage coaches were imbedded in the snow and the people who were traveling in these vehicles had to seek refuge in neighboring hospices. Along the south coast of France the gales have been specially severe and it is feared there has been loss of life among small craft which may have been caught far from land and unprepared for the sudden change in the

The Prince of Wales is staying at Warwick and Brooke, more generally known as the famous beauty Lady Brooke, who has long been greatly admired by the Prince, has invited a distinguished party to meet and where all sorts of festivities are in progress. The Prince yesterday reviewed the Warwickshire Yeomanry cavalry, of which Lord Willoughby De Brooke is col-

The Princess of Wales and her daughters are at Sandringham, whither they went after the drawing room, which the Princess held on Wednesday last at Buckingham palace, in behalf of the Queen. The drawing room was largely attended, but few people attracted more attention than the "American Duchess," the dowager, Duchess of Marlborough, otherwise Lady Beresford, who was presented on her marriage to Lord William Beresford. She had never been presented as Duchess of Marlborough. The beautiful American wore a gorgeous searl-gray satin dress with a velvet train, not with the faintest tinge of pink

embroidered with silver and diamond lilies. I flag will be represented by six war ships, The bodice was completely covered with lace | with thirty-two officers and 1,370 men and and sparkled brightly with a profusion of diamonds. English women are showing an inclination to bedeck themselves with jewels twenty-five officers and 413 men. There will in daytime which they admit is bad taste, with which little failing they have long accused Americans of giving away to us. At the invitation concert of the Strauss orchestra at the Imperial Institute on Saturday. society was out in great force, the names of those present including almost half the peerage, and diamonds in the ears of the ladies and around the neck and in brooches were worn in numerous quantities. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg\_Gotha and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were among those

Viscount Hinton, who for many years has been grinding an organ through the streets of London, is now acting as showman for the kinetoscope near Leather Lane, Holborne. He says the labor of grinding an organ has permanently crippled his right arm, and that he greatly prefers his present occupation. Viscount Hinton is held apparent to the Earl of Poulet, his father, the sixth earl of that name. The family is over 350 years old, dating back to Sig John Poulet, knight, and earnest regalist, who was created Baron Poulett, of Hinton, St. George county of Somerset, peer of England in 1827. The Earldom of Poulet was created in 1706.

Lady Sutton, the widow of Sir Richard Sutton, whose cutter Genesta competed with the American sloop Puritan in 1885 for the Americas cup and was beaten will soon re-enter the state of matrimony.

The United States war ships San Francisco and Marblehead, from the Mediterranean, and the New York and Columbia, from New York, will rendezvous at Southampton and will proceed together to Kiel in order to take part in the elaborate fetes prepared to celebrate the opening of the North sea and Baltic canals. It is estimated that the four United States ships will represent 21,747 tons, with seventy-five officers and 1,497 men. Great Britain will be represented by four first-class twinscrew battle ships, the Royal Sovereign, Empress of India, Resolution and Repulse, the first-class twin-screw cruisers Blenheim and Edymion; the third-class cruiser Bellona, the first-class gunboats Speedy and Haleyon, and the Admiralty yacht Enchantress, under command of Vice Admiral Fitzroy. This fleet of ten war ships will carry 171 officers and 1,300 men, and have a total displacement of 78,660 tons. Austria will send four war ships, which will carry 520 officers and 1,212 men, and which will represent a displacement of 13,894 tons. The Austrian fleet will be commanded by Rear Admiral, the Archduke Charles Ste-Rear Admiral Skirdloff, with seventy officers and 1,305 men, representing 20,972 tons. Italy will make a gallant showing with nine war vessels, carrying eighty officers and 3,310 men, and representing 12,800 tons. The Italian fleet will be commanded by the Duke of Genoa. France will only sen three ships, but they will represent 15,800 tons, and will be manned by sixty officers and 1,360 men. Scandinavia will send five ships, representing 8,504 tons, with fifty-five officers and 650 men, under Rear Admira

be two Roumanian war ships present, rep resenting 1,650 tons, with twenty-three officers and four hundred men. Turkey will be represented by a cruiser of 1.926 tons, having on board fifteen officers and three The United States embassador, the Hon.

der's yacht, and Sir Evelyn Lond Roberts, of Kandha, and Sir Evelyn Wood will also be Sir John Pender's guests. The Mirro will leave Scotland for Kiel, and after the fetes at the latter place, will proceed to the North cape. The party will be absent three weeks on the latter trip. The opera season opened auspiciously, al-

Thomas F. Bayard, will atend the fetes at

though there has been nothing noteworthy as yet. On Thursday Mary Engel, in "Philomon," was favorably received. The critics approve of her. The subscription is the largest known. The Queen heads the list with the double box on the grand pier. Among the others to secure boxes are the Duke of Fife, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lord Dunrayen, Lord Lonsdale, Lord Wolverton, William Waldorf Astor, Mr. Winans and Mesdames Mackay, Ronalds, Adair, Bradley-Martin and Ralph Vivian.

The theaters have been suffering from the hot weather which prevailed until the end of the week, and there have been no novelties. Beerbohm Tree has lost no time in fulfilling the promise made by him on the first night of his reappearance in London. "Fedora" has already been placed on the rehearsal and will be presented next week. Mr. Tree has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mrs. Bancroft in her original part, that of Countess Olga Zoukarff, and Mrs. Patrick Campbell will represent the heroine. The cast is a very strong one, which will insure a most interesting revival. To a reporter who called at the Haymarket Theater during the rehearsal Mr. Tree said; "The longer I am at home the more fully do I realize what good time I had in the United States. I am already looking forwardw ith eager anticipation to my visit there next year. Mrs. Tree and myself were there received with the most possible kindness, and with only one exception the criticism of our work was invariably just and kind. It would be impossible to find any audiences more quick and responsive than those before which we had the pleasure of appearance. Another thing that greatly impressed me was the beauty and convenience of the theaters.' When asked about his future plans Mr. "We shall, as you know, Tree replied: shortly produce a revival of 'Fedora,' with Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the title role. This will, we hope, run through the season. In the early autumn we shall produce an American version of 'Trilby,' but as to who will take the part of Trilby has not yet been decided."

Miss Nethersole, who is filling Mrs. Patrick Campbell's place in 'The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith" at the Garrick, has arranged to go on a tour at the close of the Garrick season, with John Hare, in Amer-

Still another novelty for Londoners is

famous company from the Montmartre Cabaret. He will play the "Epopee," a dramatic symphony, with lime light projections, representing the story of the first Napoleon; "La Marche l'Etoile," representthe cross, and "L'Enfante Prodigue," a similar story of the Prodigal Son. The authors and composers of this triology, M. Fragerole and M. Caran d'Ache, the celebrated caricaturists, will themselves act in |

Mrs. Langtry begins a short engagement at the Grand Theater, Islington, on June 3, when she will probably produce her new play, "Gossip," dealing with special manners and customs in the future. Rumors are that Mrs. Langtry will appear in a bathing costume of black satin with a very short skirt, a scarlet bow tying the bodice over a white muslin chemisette. Effie Shannon is the only member of her American company who will appear with her here.

Mlle. Yvette Guilbert, who is appearing at the Empire with her usual success, has a new repertory of songs. She is not very enthusiastic as to the success of her coming visit to the United States, having an idea. that the Americans care only for singing in which the tom tom and the banjo form the integral parts of the entertainment.

Cissy Loftus will appear at the Palace Theater on May 27. She has spent her short holiday since her return from America in visiting theaters and studying new songs and imitations. Among her "take-offs." new to London, will be imitations of Ada Rehan and Maggie Cline. The former will certainly be appreciated here.

The Queen will this year formally open a new parish church at Crathie. The new building is in striking contrast to the old one on the road from Bellater to Braemar. which was one of the meanest churches in a country famous for the Puritan simplicity of its religious edifices. It will have stained glass windows, highly ornamental pulpit and other modern ideas likely to be resented by austere Scotchmen.

To Save Trouble,

Something of a novelty in engraved invitations are those now sent out containing such explanatory additions as "gentlemen will wear evening dress," "ladies will please leave their bonnets at home," etc. This is very convenient and saves lots of people the trouble of writing to the newspapers to ask what to wear and what to do. By and by this idea may be elaborated, and then invitations will contain such announcements as 'wipe your feet before you enter," "patronesses cannot be expected to introduce." "ladies will be served first at supper." 'champagne will be provided" and lots of other explanatory notes which will make cards of invitation far more entertaining and attractive than they are.

Of the Same Station.

The Mistress-So you are really going to

be married?

Janey (blushing)-Yis, mum. The Mistress (impressively)-I do hope you will wed one of your own station and The Maid (confidently)-Indade, yis mum, Me and Dinnis lived close by McGuire's cross roads and always tuk the same train

IMPENDING ABOLITION OF THE FA-MOUS STEWARDSHIP.

A Quaint Link Binding the Present to the Time of the Conquest Men Who Have Held the Place.

New York Tribune.

One of the quaintest features of English political life will presently disappear, in the abolition of the famous stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. That step, it is said, has been decided upon by "the powers that be" at Westminster. What device for resigning a seat in Parliament will be substituted for this ancient legal quibble does not appear. Perhaps members will be allowed to resign directly, as a member of Congress in this country may do-but seldom does. The abolition of the stewardship will, at any rate, set Chancellors of the Exchequer free from the somewhat invidious responsibility of determining whether or not a member may be allowed'

The Chiltern Hundreds stewardship is an

ancient and honorable institution, as one many see from an account given of it not long ago in the Quarterly Review, From that it appears that in ancient times, when a seat in the House was a troublesome and unwelcome burden, no member could retire, however much he wanted to; how an act was passed in the reign of Ann, whereby in order to exclude court mercenaries and "placemen" from the popular chamber, a member who accepted an office of profit under the crown was compelled to vacate his seat; how, instead of vacating their seats because they wished to accept office, members soon began to accept office simply because they wished to vacate their seats; how this innovation was indirectly perverted into a means for packing the House of Commons with the very "placemen" against whom the statute had originally been aimed; and, lastly, how accepting the crown appointment of the Chiltern Hundreds has come to mean nothing more or less than resignation of the right to pass unchallenged the dragon-eyed policemen who guard the sacred purlieus of Westminster. An office that is no office; a crown appointment not made by the crown; an honor to which no honor attaches; profitable, yet without profit-was there ever a more perfect oxymoron than the Chilterns, stewardship? "Like most things n the Batish Constitution it is utterly illogical. The statute of Anne vacates a seat because you accept an office of profit, and the only way of vacating a seat is by accepting an office which has no profit. It is thoroughly constitutional."

THE COMICAL SIDE OF PT. Incidentally there is a comical as well as self-contradictory side to the Parlimentary use of the stewardship. Has the terrible thought ever occurred to Nationalist members who have applied for the appointment that thereby they have "ipso facto" violated their lougest and most indignant

of profit. Nor is this all; for he must per- of Steward and Bailiff belonging, or in any aspires for it in his turn. Alas and alack for the election piedges of the latter-day Celt. Far more consistent was the ingenious response of Joseph Hume, in 1839, when, being urged by his Kilkenny constituents to take the Chiltern Hundreds, he answered that he had made it a fixed rule on no account to accept any sinecure But the abolition of the stewardship does not only entail the elimination of what, after all, is merely a legal squabble; it

means, also, the final disappearance of an

ancient title, "a jewel five words long,"

which dates back to earliest Norman times When the Conqueror, stretching his iron hand across the island, made a solitude and called it peace, he found scattered here and there great estates which had owned no master but the King, and over these properties he set his own seneschals or stewards, commissioned to exact his royal dues, and privileged to exercise vicariously his royal rights. One of these estates comprised "the three Handreds of Chiltern, n the county of Bucks; that is to say, Stoke, Desborough and Bonenham," These Hundreds fringe the Chiltern Hills: Stoke-Pogis and Burnham (Boncham) Beeches are still well-anown names, and a ruined earthwork near Beaconsfield retains to-day the title of Desberough Castle. Six or seven hundred years ago the dense beechwoods offered an impenetrable shelter to the Robin Hoods and the Rob Roys of the period. The Norman might be lord above, but "Rob was lord below," and exacted toll and blackmail at will from the merchant caravans passing along the great north roads. It was the duty of the royal seneschal to keep these "proude outlawes" in check; and work so important necessitated the choice of an influential baron to fill the Chiltern stewardship. The roll call of past stewards includes such historical figures as Thomas Chaucer, eldest son of the poet and Speaker under Henry IV; Suffolk, the evil genius of the Sixth Harry's Queen. and Lovel, the third member of the Crookback Richard's famous trio-"The Cat, the Rat, and Lovel the Dog, who ruled all England under the Hog." True it is that only a shadow of that honorable office survives, but, nevertheless, it serves to keep green the memory of an old-world title with eight centuries at its back. One of the quaintest and most interesting links that join the pr s nt to the past is almost certainly goomed to be shartered, and it is little consolation to think that, in dealing the blow, an iconoclastic and utilitarian House of Commons will be destroying the last fragment of patronage at the disposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. THE WARRANT.

A recent Blue Book gives a copy of the warrant of appointment now in use. Nothing could be more delightfully archaic. It runs as follows: To all whom these presents shall come,

and Under Treasurer of Her Majesty's Exchequer, sendeth greeting. Know ye, that I, the said A. B-, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint C. D- to be Steward and Bailiff of the Three Hundred of Chiltern, in the county of Buckingham, that is to say, Stoke, Desborough and Bonenham, with the returns of all writs, warrants, Klinteberg. There will be three Spanish ships present, representing 17,8% tons, with fifty-six officers and 1,233 men. The Danish Chat Noir proposes to come here with his low. That's the end of the railroad.

Me and Dinnis lived close by accounted their loudest and most indignant violated their loudest and most indignant and executions of the same, in the room second Domestic—An' why won't she at the same station. There's no station best of the same train and place of E. F. whose constitution to the said offices I do hereby revoke and low. That's the end of the railroad.

Second Domestic—An' why won't she same train and place of E. F. whose constitution to the said offices I do hereby revoke and because she wasn't invited.

dictu," every member who retires from the determine, together with all wages, fees, House voluntarily accepts not only office, allowances, and other privileges and prebut an office which is, "ex hypothesi," one | eminences whatsoever to the said offices thority, to hold and keep courts, and to do all and every other act and acts, thing Steward and Bailiff of the Three Hundreds aforesaid, or either of them, do belong of in any wise appertain, in as full and ample manner as any former Steward or Bailiff to the said Three Hundreds hath lawfully had, received or enjoyed the same, to have and to hold the said offices of Steward and Bailiff of the said Three Hundreds, together with all wages, fees, allowances, and other privileges and pre-eminences whatsoever to the said C. D-, during her Majesty's pleasure; and I do hereby authorize and empower the said C. Dto demand and receive for her Majesty's use all court rolls and other writings relating to the said Three Hundreds from any person or persons having the same in their hands or custody. And all and every such person and persons having the same in their hands or custody are hereby required to deliver up to the same to the said D-, provided, nevertheless, that the said D--- shall enter these presents in the office of the proper auditor within forty days next after the date hereof, and shall yearly return the court rolls of the said Three Hundreds into the said office of the said auditor, and account with said auditor for all such sum and sums of money as he the said C. D ... shall receive for and to Her Majesty's use, within forty days next after the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel, which shall happen in ever year, or else these presents and everything herein contained to be void. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and year of the reign of her Majesty, Queen Victoria, and in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and - Signed. sealed and delivered in the presence of G. H., Downing street, A. B.

A Little Prayer.

It was his first visit to church, and his big brown eyes watched everything. He saw the new comers drop their heads on the pew rails in front of them as they entered, and in a moment raise them again. "Why do they put their heads down?" he whispered to his older sister. who was with him.

"They say a little prayer," was whis-But they don't talk," argued brown eyes, not convinced. and "Shall I think a little prayer?" was the next question.

"If you like," was the reply, and the big brown eyes were shut, the small hands folded, and an earnest little face dropped against the rail. In a moment or two the head was raised and the little fellow crept back on the cushions. "I tried to think, 'Now I lay me,' " he whispered, "but I had to talk it, 'cause the words wouldn't stay down in my stummick. Will God care?" he finished,

all who bowed heads in His sanctuary that morning, was there one whose soul was so

honestly trying to pray as yours? Pure Spite.

First Domestic (who had been out four nights that week)-I'm sorry, but I can't go to Lannigan's ball to-night. The missus